THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/672,442

Applicant : ALADAHALLI, Chandankumar et al.

Filed: 26 September 2003

Title : Sensitivity Based Pattern Search Algorithm for Component Layout

Art Unit : 2129

Examiner : HIRL, Joseph Atty. Docket No. : PAT001050-001

Appl. No. : 11/254,842

Applicant : ALADAHALLI, Chandankumar et al.

Filed: 20 October 2005

Title : Pattern Search Algorithm for Component Layout

Art Unit : 2129

Examiner : HIRL, Joseph Atty. Docket No. : PAT001050-003

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

We, Chandankumar Aladahalli of Pittsburgh, PA, Kenji Shimada of Pittsburgh, PA, and Jonathan Cagan of Pittsburgh, PA (collectively the "Named Inventors"), state as follows:

- 1. The Named Inventors are the inventors named in the two above-identified patent applications.
- 2. The work disclosed in the above-identified patent applications was at all times a collaborative effort by the Named Inventors. Chandankumar Aladahalli was the primary researcher, and Kenji Shimada and Jonathan Cagan were his advisors. The Named Inventors met regularly, and each contributed to the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified applications.
- 3. The work disclosed in the Aladahalli Abstract "Using Geometric Sensitivity Analysis to Infer Timing Schedule of Move Sets for a Pattern Search Based 3D Layout Algorighm,"

4. 2.

recorded on the 2001 Bennett Schedule, was at all times a collaborative effort by the Named Inventors. Chandankumar Aladahalli was the primary researcher, and Kenji Shimada and Jonathan Cagan were his advisors. The Named Inventors met regularly, and each contributed to the subject matter disclosed in the Abstract appearing in the Bennett Schedule.

- 4. The Bennett Schedule was an internal document. The Bennett Schedule was prepared by someone other than the Named Inventors and names only the first advisor (Jonathan Cagan).
- 5. All published papers on the subject of these applications identifies the three Named Inventors as authors.
- 6. Chandankumar Aladahalli's contribution to the collaborative effort was considered sufficient to meet the university's requirements for the awarding of advanced degrees.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

	12/MA9/2008-
Chandankumar Aladahalli	Date '//
Kenji Shimada	Date
Jonathan Cagan	May 12, 2008 Date